

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1111

By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Shannon Carney of Wilson Central High School on her selection as 2008 Wilson County Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Shannon Carney is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Carney was recently selected 2008 Wilson County Teacher of the Year at the tenth annual Wilson County Teacher of the Year Recognition Dinner on April 18, 2008, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Shannon Carney was one of twenty-seven Wilson County teachers who were named the Teacher of the Year at their respective schools, and from this group, an anonymous panel selected Mrs. Carney as this year's top teacher in the county; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Tennessee Technological University, Shannon Carney has been teaching for twelve years, the last six at Wilson Central High School; and

WHEREAS, the good people of Wilson County have long recognized and appreciated Mrs. Carney's excellence as an educator and positive role model for young people; she previously taught at Waverly Central High School and Friendship Christian School and was named the 2006 Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year for Wilson County, in addition to receiving the 2007 Myrna Bybee Compassion Award from College Hills Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, Shannon Carney is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, she has selflessly dedicated her personal time and efforts to improving the quality of life and the environment for her fellow citizens as a volunteer with Habitat House in Wilson County and with Wilson Central High School to pick up trash along Franklin Road; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Carney truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, Shannon Carney is most appreciative of the love, support, and companionship she shares with her husband, Kenneth, and their children, Rachel and Lucas Daughtry and Emily and Gibson Carney; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Carney truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Shannon Carney on being chosen as 2008 Wilson County Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.